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Turin, January 1. N. S.

SOME Days ſince his Royal Highneſs aſſiſted at a Conference between the two Imperial Miniſters, the Marquis Graneri, and the Marquis St. Thomas; after which he commanded theſe two laſt immediately to repair to Milan, in order to confer with the Biſhop of the five Churches, and endeavour to conclude the Differences between this Court and that of Vienna. The Chevalier Provana is preparing to ſet out from hence the latter end of this Week for the Imperial Court, where he is to reſide with the Character of Envoy from his Royal Highneſs. Several Officers, among whom are General Schylemberg, and Colonel Hockpret, a Native of Berne, have received Orders to return into their reſpective Countries, in order to recruit their Regiments. His Royal Highneſs hath alſo commanded all the Governors of the Provinces of this State to retire immediately to their ſeveral Poſts, and levy as many Soldiers as poſſible for the Service of the next Campaign. They write from Genoa, that General Mahoni was arrived there from Sicily, accompanied by thirteen French Officers; and it was believed, that all the French Troops had been commanded to quit that Iſland, as they have already done the Kingdom of Spain, and retire into France. We are alſo adviſed, that there hath lately been an Inſurrection in Galicia, which was occaſioned by a Report received among the People, that the French Merchants were preparing to tranſport great quantities of Corn into France, which they bought up in that Province, where there is a great Scarcity of that Commodity. Letters from Dauphine and Provence confirm the Accounts of the Miſery of the Country, and the lamentable Condition of the Soldiers for want of their Pay.

Milan, January 4. N. S. The Emperor and the King of Spain have ordered a Council to be aſſembled in this City, conſiſting of General Thaun, General Zumjungen, Baron Martini, and two Councellors of the Regency, wherein they are to concert the Meaſures which are to be taken for the more effectual Proſecution of the War; and alſo to eſtabliſh the neceſſary Funds for the Service of the next Campaign. His Catholick Majeſty hath declared, that all the Subjects of this State ſhould make application to his Council, and obtain their aſſent, before they accept of any Benefices that ſhall be granted them by the Court of Rome; his Majeſty being willing that all Perſons ſhould be preferred according to the inſtances they have given of their Zeal and Fidelity to his Service. Letters from Barcelona of the 9th of December adviſe, that on the 2d of that Month they proceeded to an Election of the Magiſtrates, and the next day the ſix new Councellors went to pay their Compliments to his Catholick Majeſty, and had the Honour to ſtand covered in his Preſence. Te Deum had been Sung, and other publick Demonſtrations of Joy had been given in that City, on the occaſion of the Pope's acknowledging Charles the Third as Catholick King of Spain. Theſe Letters add, that moſt of the General Officers of the Allies who ſerve in Spain, were then in that City; that their Troops were in a very good condition, and that they only waited for three thouſand Men from Italy, and the neceſſary Remittances of Mony, before they entred upon a conſiderable Enterprize. Advices from Genoa ſay, that three Engliſh Men of War ſailed lately from thence for Barcelona, having on Board great Sums of Mony for the Service of his Catholick Majeſty; and that the Enemy who were employed in the Siege of Orbitello, were obliged to retire to Porto Longone, having ſuſtained conſiderable loſs in that Expedition.

Frankfort, January 12. N. S. Yeſterday a Company of Huſſars, belonging to the Regiment of Bellarits, returned through this Place from Flanders. The Deputies of the Confederated Circles will be ſpeedily reaſſembled, to concert the neceſſary Meaſures for the Security of this Country. Letters from Alſatia ſay, that the French, by taking up all the Corn in that Province, and carrying it into the fortified Towns, had reduced the Inhabitants to an inexpreſſible Miſery. This was done with a Pretence only to ſecure that Commodity from any Irruptions of the Allies, with a Promiſe that it ſhould be reſtored to every Perſon as his Occaſion ſhould require; but their Refuſal to ſupply the preſent Neceſſities of the People convinces them, that the Corn is only intended for the Subſiſtence of the Soldiers. Theſe Advices add, that they were making great Warlike Preparations for the next Campaign, and had quartered a conſiderable number of Troops in Lorrain, and the Dutchy of Burgundy, that they may be in Readineſs to join thoſe in Alſatia, as ſoon as that Army ſhall take the Field. The French Court being reſolved to proſecute the War againſt the Empire with greater Vigour than the preceding Years, it is ſaid they have formed a Deſign to penetrate into Germany, before the confederated Forces ſhall be aſſembled; and that the Duke of Bavaria is expected in Alſatia the beginning of the Spring, in order to lead the French Army in this Expedition. Theſe Advices have obliged Count Gronsfeld (who commands the Imperial Army on the Upper Rhine in the Abſence of the Elector of Hanover) to viſit the Lines of Etlingen; and hath ordered all the neceſſary Diſpoſitions to be made for oppoſing the Deſigns of the Enemy, and to give them a warm Reception, if they ſhall make any Attempt to force theſe Lines. That General hath alſo commanded the Troops which are quartered in diſtant Places to advance towards the Rhine; and we hear that the Court of Vienna had reſolved to ſend fifteen Battalions to reinforce the Imperial Army; the Elector of Mayence hath alſo taken Meaſures for ſending his Proportion of Troops very early into the Field. The States General have made preſſing Inſtances to the Diet of Ratisbonne, to exert their utmoſt Efforts for the Defence and Security of the Empire.; and the Miniſter of their High Mightineſſes reſiding in that City hath delivered a Memorial to the Diet, wherein he remonſtrates how juſt and neceſſary it is that all the Members of the High Alliance ſhould, in Conjunction with her Britannick Majeſty and the States-General, uſe their beſt Endeavours to oblige France to conclude a ſafe and honourable Peace; and ſince it was evident that the Enemy were reſolved to continue the War, and made great Preparations for another Campaign, the Queen of Great Britain and the States-General had reſolved to make a conſiderable Augmentation of their Forces, and it was abſolutely neceſſary that the reſt of the Confederates ſhould follow their Example. It is hoped that King Auguſtus will furniſh his entire Compliment of Troops the next Campaign, beſides thoſe that are already in the Pay of Great Britain and the United Provinces. There is a hopeful Proſpect of a great Plenty of Corn in the Palatinate and the neighbouring Country, which hath conſiderably abated the Price of that Commodity in theſe Parts.

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